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In re the Application of:

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THERMAL-ACOUSTIC INSULATION AND METHOD For:

OF MANUFACTURING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 14-16, 18 and 45 as follows:

A thermal-acoustic insulation material comprising: [a wool-like (Amended)

carbon fiber aggregate composed]

a multiplicity of carbon fibers having an average fiber diameter of 0.5 μ m to 5 μ m and an average fiber length of 1 mm to 15 mm, said carbon fibers being non-galvanic corrosive and